

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 14, 2004

The first regular meeting of the month of January of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at Bower Elementary School, 4S241 River Road, Warrenville, IL, by Board President Andrew Johnson, on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Andrew Johnson
 Ken Knicker
 Rosemary Swanson
 Barbara Intihar
 Marie C. Slater
 John Bomher
 Bob Davis

Also in Attendance: Dr. Gary T. Catalani
 Dr. Bev Becker
 Dr. Lori Belha
 Mr. Bill Farley
 Mr. John Sluis
 Dr. Margo Sorrick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kevin Kane led the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE HOST SCHOOL

Mr. Kevin Kane, Principal of Bower Elementary School, welcomed the Board, Administrators and community members to Bower School. Mr. Kane gave an overview of the work done by the Safety and Security Committee and had a display of the training materials that are used in all of the schools.

Mr. Kane also announced that Bower, Johnson and Hubble Schools are collecting pennies for the Warrenville Youth and Family Services. The goal is to collect 1 million pennies by next year.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Catalani requested that polices 5.120 and 5.130 be removed from the Item 4 on the Consent Agenda for further revisions.

Mr. Knicker requested that the December 10 Closed minutes be pulled for discussion during Closed Session.

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

President Johnson stated that it is very important for parents and community members to learn as much as possible about the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and understand what the State Report Cards really mean. The newspapers are only one source of information, and the school and district newsletters are an additional reliable source.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Johnson stated that the public comments are valuable and important to Board members. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on any items until time has been taken to gather adequate information and objectively discuss available options. Lack of action on comments made at this meeting does not imply any lack of interest in what has been said.

Speaker	Barbara Thornbury
Topic	Bower Special Needs Playground

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Catalani reported the following:

- The first semester ends on January 16 and all of the administrators, staff and students are to be commended for their efforts. District 200 is fortunate to have such dedicated groups.
- The Board and Administrators will meet with state representatives and senators on Friday, January 26 to talk about school funding in Illinois and NCLB.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Gift to Madison Elementary School – Recommend the acceptance of the donation of a portable stage and risers to Madison School as presented.
2. Acceptance of Gift to Monroe Middle School – Recommend the acceptance of the donation of a portable sound system to Monroe as presented.
3. Approval to Post Board Policy 2.220, Board Meetings – Recommend the approval to post policy 2.220 for 30 days for public review and comment.
4. Approval to Post Updates to Policies in Section 5 – Recommend the approval to post the updates to section 5 of the Policy Book for 30 days for public review and comment.
5. Approval to Post Amended Policy 4.160, Hazardous and Infectious Materials – Recommend the approval to post revisions to Policy 4.160 for 30 days for public review and comment.
6. Approval of Amended Behavior Intervention Policy – Recommend the adoption of Policy 7.230, Behavioral Intervention Policy and Administrative Regulations for Students with Disabilities as presented and posted.
7. Approval of Resolution to Begin the 2004-2005 Budget Process – Recommend the adoption of the resolution to begin the budget cycle and William R. Farley be designated to prepare the district's annual budget cycle.
8. Approval of Change Order for Wiesbrook Roof – Recommend the acceptance of the Wiesbrook School roof credit change order as presented.
9. Approval of Bills Payable and Payroll – Approval of the Bills Payable and Payroll as presented.

10. Approval of Minutes – December 10 Open & Closed- Recommend the approval of the minutes as presented.
11. Approval of Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports – Recommend the approval of the Personnel and Supplemental Personnel Reports as presented.

There was discussion about the policies being posted. A Board member suggested that the Board consider requesting an annual status report on any air quality issues in the schools. A Board member suggested that the policy 5.280 have the wording changed to reflect internal bus drivers so that our policy does not seem to have rules for bus company employees. There was discussion about the sentences at the beginning and end of the hazardous waste policy and the implications of those sentences. Dr. Catalani will work with legal counsel to have the wording of the opening paragraph rewritten and the ending paragraph changed to say see the administrative regulation instead of the proposed wording.

There was a discussion of the Open Session minutes from December 10 regarding the work of the Finance Committee. Board members amended the minutes to state “the Board expressed a desire to see the deficit reduced and they are looking for a recommendation....”

MOTION

Member Slater moved, Member Davis seconded to accept the Consent Agenda minus policies 5.120 and 5.130, minus the December 10 Closed Session minutes and with the amendment to the December 10 Open minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Item 12 – Approval of Transition Program Facility Lease

District 200 rents a house on Liberty Drive that houses the Special Education Transition Program. This program is provided per state and federal mandate for students 18 to 21 years of age who need to develop skills that will allow them to transition to adult life at home, in group homes or in the workplace. The house provides a site where students can learn housekeeping skills and functional academics. The monthly rental fee is \$1455, and the estimated yearly cost of utilities is \$3500 and is funded by the IDEA Grant. It is recommended that the Board approve the rental lease as presented.

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the rental lease for the Transition Program house as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 13 – Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Itinerant Services

District 200 has been a member of DuPage/West Cook (DWC) and purchased hearing, vision and physically handicapped itinerant services from them for district students in need of these services. Last year, it was decided that DWC would no longer provide these services. The Cooperative Association of Special Education (CASE) in Glen Ellyn offered to provide these itinerant services separate from DWC to high incidence districts that wanted them. At the time of that offer, CASE asked for an informal commitment to be made by each of the entities involved. CASE indicated a more formal response would be required after the services were established, and therefore, they are requesting that an Intergovernmental Agreement be signed.

Our legal counsel has reviewed the agreement and approves of it. The cost for this service for the 2003-04 school year is expected to be comparable to last year's bill, which was \$167,226.50. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with CASE for Itinerant Services for students with low incidence disabilities.

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Swanson seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with CASE for Itinerant Services for students with low incidence disabilities. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Item 14 - Approval of High School Phase II Bids for Pre-purchased Equipment

The long delivery equipment items needed for summer 2004 for the additions at the high schools require early bidding. Legat Architects developed specifications for this equipment and bids were opened on December 19, 2003. It is recommended that the Board accept the bids for the chillers at WWSHS from York Inc. in the amount of \$228,030, the bids for the water chiller for WNHS from Thermo Systems in the amount of \$115,360, the bids for the boilers for WWSHS from Barr Mechanical Sales in the amount of \$107,426 and the bids for the cooling tower at WWSHS from Imbert Corp. in the amount of \$17,695. It is further recommended that all bids from Trane Corp. be rejected because they are not in compliance with bid requirements.

MOTION

Member Swanson moved, Member Slater seconded to approve the bids for the pre-purchased equipment at the high schools as presented and reject the bids from Trane Corp. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Dr. Catalani stated that a community member questioned Policy 5.10. This policy requires that the Superintendent name two complaint managers and a non-discrimination coordinator. Once these policies are adopted in February, Dr. Catalani will renew the current appointments of Lori Belha as the Non-discrimination Coordinator and Lori Belha and Tim Neubert as the two Complaint Managers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 15 – Hubble Issues

The Board discussed the options for the Hubble property. The option of selling the Hubble property and building a new middle school on different property was the most favored option by the Board members at this time. The Board will take action at the January 28 meeting to finalize their decision and give direction to the task force. The Board discussed the possibility of boundary changes for the middle schools when a new site is determined. Some Board members expressed an interest in possibly keeping the Hubble property and building a new middle school on a different site. There was discussion about the possibility of selling the Jefferson property and creating an adjunct addition to the new middle school to house the program from Jefferson. A Board member suggested that a committee look at an interim plan for Hubble that would be fiscally responsible while creating fair conditions for the current Hubble students.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Johnson suggested that the Board hold an Open House on a Saturday morning at the SSC similar to the coffees with the City Council to give community members an opportunity to chat with the Board about any issues they would like to talk about. An alternate idea would be

to identify one Board meeting a semester to begin an hour earlier for informal time with the Board prior to the business meeting. It was suggested that local groups could be contacted to see if they would be interested in having the Board meet with their membership. The Board considered a Saturday in February as a starting point. President Johnson will email all of the Board members to coordinate a February date.

The Board members receive invitations and information about events at all of the schools, but due to their schedules it is not possible for them to attend everything. President Johnson suggested that the Board consider having each member adopt three schools and then try to make an appearance at as many functions at their schools as possible.

President Johnson asked if there is a means to track the mobility of our students.

Member Davis read a quote from the Governor that stated that only 46% of funding goes to the classrooms. Member Davis asked what percent of funding goes to classrooms in District 200. Dr. Catalani stated that this information is included in the state report cards and that our percentage is much higher.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Moving District 200 to higher levels of Greatness
2. Select & begin implementation of best long-term use of Hubble
3. Develop a long-term financial plan that leads to financial predictability & stability

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Meeting – January 28 - Lowell Elementary School
- Board Workshop – January 21 – SSC
- Legislators Breakfast – January 23 – SSC 7:30 AM

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Intihar moved, Member Slater seconded to suspend the rules and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and pending litigation. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 9:05 PM

There will be action following the Closed Session.

MOTION

Member Bohmer moved, Member Swanson seconded to reinstate the rules and reconvene in Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

Member Davis moved, Member Knicker seconded to approve the Notice to Remedy for employee R2003-04-02. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION

Member Knicker moved, Member Bomher seconded to approve the December 10 Closed Minutes as amended during Closed Session. The Closed Session minutes will remain closed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

There was a discussion of the land options for the building of a new middle school. Dr. Catalani updated the Board on discussions with the developer of the Warrenville property and the possibility of an additional available tract of land.

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Slater moved, Member Knicker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken, the vote was: AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Ken Knicker, Secretary

Andrew Johnson, President